1 2 3 4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 5 DISTRICT OF NEVADA 6 7 2:07-CR-137 JCM (RJJ) UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, 8 9 Plaintiff, 10 v. 11 RICARDO BANUELOS, 12 Defendant. 13 **ORDER** 14 15 Presently before the court is petitioner Ricardo Banuelos's letter requesting the status of his 16 28 U.S.C. § 2255 motion. (Doc. # 113). Although letters to the court are usually disregarded, see 17 Fed. R. Civ. P. 7 (a document requesting a court order must be styled as a motion, not a letter), the 18 court makes an exception under these circumstances. 19 The government filed a motion for leave to file a late response to petitioner's 28 U.S.C. § 20 2255 motion (doc. # 107) and the court granted the motion (doc. # 108). Subsequently, the 21 government timely complied with the extension of time. (See doc. # 109). The court then granted 22 petitioner an extension of time to file his reply. (Doc. # 112). Petitioner then filed the instant letter. 23 (Doc. # 113). 24 25 26 27 28

James C. Mahan U.S. District Judge

Because this letter indicates that petitioner has not received the court's order granting defendant the initial extension of time of reply;1 the court finds that an additional thirty (30) day extension of time is warranted.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED that petitioner shall have up to and including November 24, 2012, to file a reply to the government's response.

DATED October 23, 2012.

¹ It appears that manual distribution in this case has caused some delay in communication between the parties and the court.